WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

	Coppe Str 706 (ol. 18 22-2) 1. A device for processing digital images
1	1. A device for processing digital images
2	comprising: 25 desired by expl. prost. 10-15
3	a reference platform; Cd (8 24-30
4	an camera interface coupled to the reference
5	platform and operable to receive a digital input; and
6	an communication interface coupled to the reference
7	platform operable to communicate said digital input to a
8	wide area network.
1	2. The device of claim 1, wherein the reference
2	platform comprises:
3	a processor operable to execute instructions; and
4	a data storage media operable to store configuration
5	data and said digital input.

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- 1 3. The device of claim 1, wherein the
- 2 communication interface device is operable to communicate
- 3 to a service provider.

- 1 4. The device of claim 1, wherein the
- 2 communication interface is a dial up modem.

1 5. The device of claim 1, wherein the

2 communication interface is to a broadband enabled

3 network.

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- 1 6. The device of claim 1, wherein the
- 2 communication interface is an ethernet.

- 1 7.. The device of claim 1, wherein the
- 2 communication interface is a token ring.

- 1 8. The device of claim 1, wherein the
- 2 communication interface is a FDDI (Fiber Distributed Data
- 3 Interface).

- 9. The device of claim 1, wherein the
- 2 communication interface is an ATM (Asynchronous Transfer
- 3 Mode).

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- 1 10. The device of claim 1, wherein the
- 2 communication interface uses TCP/IP (Transmission Control
- 3 Protocol/Internet Protocol).

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- 1 11. The device of claim 1, wherein the camera
- 2 interface is selected from a group consisting of Smart
- 3 Media, Compact Flash, USB, BlueTooth, Sony Memory Stick,
- 4 floppy disk, compact disk, and zip disk.

- 1 12. The device of claim 1, further comprising a
- 2 digital camera coupled to the reference platform.

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6		connecting	the re	ference	e platf	orm 1	to a	service
7	provider;	and						
8		uploading	the i	lmage	data	to	the	service

- 1 14. The method of claim 13, further comprising the
- 2 step of editing the uploaded image data on the service
- 3 provider.

- 1 15. The method of claim 13, further comprising the
- 2 step of processing the image data in the storage media.

- 1 16. The method of claim 13, further comprising the
- 2 step of deleting image data from the storage media after
- 3 each image is uploaded.

- 1 17. The method of claim 13, further comprising the
- 2 step of enabling a user to view the image via a web
- 3 browser.
- 1 18. The method of claim 13, further comprising the
- 2 step of providing that the service provider print the
- 3 image.
- 1 19. The method of claim 13, further comprising the
- 2 step of creating a web page with the image data.
- 1 20. The method of claim 13, further comprising the
- 2 step of creating a compact disk with the image data.
- 1 21. The method of claim 13, further comprising the
- 2 step of directing the image data to be processed at a
- 3 processing center in close proximity to the end user.
- 1 22. A method for processing digital images
- 2 comprising the steps of:
- 3 providing for a reference platform;
- 4 establishing a standard default profile in the
- 5 reference platform;
- 6 connecting a reference platform to a website
- 7 for setting initial user profile information; and
- 8 downloading initial user profile information
- 9 onto the reference platform.

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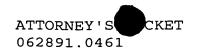
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1 25. method for processing digital images Α 2 comprising the steps of: 3 providing a reference platform; 4 establishing a standard default profile in the reference platform; and 5 establishing initial user profile information 6 reference platform without 7 the requiring user interface. 8 26. The method of 25 wherein user profile 1 information is selected from a group consisting of: 2 a username and password; 3 an identification number of a device; 4 a method of payment; 5 a setting to allow access; 6 7 a printing preference; a printing location preference; 8

a mailing preference; and

an e-mailing preference.

1	27. A method for processing digital images
2	comprising the steps of:
3	providing a reference platform device from a
4	retail outlet to a consumer;
5	connecting the device to a central server;
6	establishing an account with the central
7	server;
8	configuring the device;
9	uploading images to the central server; and
10	directing the central server to process images.
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1	28. The method of claim 27, wherein the step of
2	providing the reference platform device to a consumer
3	further comprises giving the device to the consumer for
4	free.
1	29. The method of claim 27, wherein the step of
2	directing the central server to process images further
3	comprises the step of printing the images at a printer at
4	the central server's site.

- 1 30. The method of claim 27, wherein the step of
- 2 directing the central server to process images further
- 3 comprises the step of impressing the images onto a CD
- 4 with a CD writer
- 1 31. The method of claim 27, wherein the step of
- 2 directing the central server to process images further
- 3 comprises the step of placing the images on a web site.
- 1 32. The method of claim 27, further comprising the
- 2 step of directing that the images be forwarded to a
- 3 server at a local store.
- 1 33. The method of claim 32, further comprising the
- 2 step of printing the images at a printer at the local
 - 3 store's site.
 - 1 34. The method of claim 32, further comprising the
 - 2 step of impressing the images onto a CD with a CD writer
 - 3 at the local store's site.

- 1 35. The method of claim 27, further comprising the
- 2 step of directing that the images be forwarded to the
- 3 user.

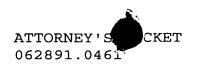
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- 1 36. The method of claim 35, further comprising the
- 2 step of printing the images at a printer at the user's
- 3 site.
- 1 37. The method of claim 27, further comprising the
- 2 step of allowing the user to connect to central server to
- 3 manipulate the images.
- 1 38. The method of claim 27, wherein the device is
- 2 pre-configured with settings directed to the retail
- 3 outlet's server.
- 1 39. The method of claim 27, wherein the device is
- 2 pre-configured with a setting to direct that uploaded
- 3 images are sent to the store that provided the device.
- 1 40. The method of claim 27, wherein the step of
- 2 uploading images to the central server is determined by a
- 3 user preference which specifies the time when uploading
- 4 is to occur.
- 1 41. The method of claim 27, further comprising the
- 2 step of mailing processed images to the consumer.
- 1 42. The method of claim 27, further comprising the
- 2 step of transmitting processed images to the consumer.





- 1 43. The method of claim 27, further comprising the
- 2 step of making the processed images available for the
- 3 consumer to pick up.
- 1 44. A method for configuring a reference platform
- 2 by a user comprising the steps of:
- 3 contacting a service provider;
- 4 submitting information to said service provider;
- 5 creating an account for said user by said service
- 6 provider;
- 7 connecting said reference platform to a
- 8 communication receptacle; and
- 9 contacting said service provider with said reference
- 10 platform;
- 11 wherein said reference platform downloads said
- 12 configuration script.





- 1 45. A method of processing digital images
- 2 comprising the steps of:
- 3 connecting an imaging device to a reference
- 4 platform, said reference platform having a pre-defined
- 5 configuration script;
- 6 generating a print request form with said imaging
- 7 device, said print request form designating at least one
- 8 image file for processing;
- 9 uploading said print request form, said at least one
- 10 image file and said configuration script to said service
- 11 provider via said reference platform;
- 12 processing said at least one image file according to
- 13 said print request form for generate a processed image;
- 14 and
- delivering said processed image to said user.